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FOR PFEIFLE FROM PATTERSON

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SUBJECT: AID TO THE AZORES

PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO SUMMARIZE THE STATUS OF U.S.
ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL WHICH AFFECTS THE AZORES.

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY YESTERDAY DR. SILVA MARQUES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, STATED THAT THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE HAS NEVER RECEIVED PAPER ON EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE JUNTA FOLLOWING MY VISIT AND DELIVERED BY DR. MONJARDINO IN LATE FEBRUARY. MONJARDINO STATED THAT HE WAS ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERING A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY DR VIERA DE ALMEIDA, AND HE UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR RESPONSE IN SEVERAL AREAS WAS CONDITIONAL UPON APPROVAL BY THAT COMMITTEE. PLEASE CONTACT THE JUNTA IMMEDIATELY TO DETERMINE IF THE PAPER WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE AS MONJARDINO STATED.

2. AS PART OF FISCAL YEAR 76 PROGRAM WE ARE NOW PREPARING
LOAN PAPERS FOR PROJECTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
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FOR \$9 MILLION, AND BASIC SANITATION FOR \$6 MILLION. THE FIRST

PROGRAM INCLUDES SCHOOLS IN RIBEIRA GRANDE AND RABO DE PEIXE IN THE AZORES. LIKEWISE UNDER THE BASIC SANITATION PROGRAM THE LARGEST PROJECT IS FOR POTABLE WATER IN AND AROUND ANGRA DO HEROISMO. I WILL BE TAKING BOTH LOAN PROPOSALS INTO WASHINGTON FOR APPROVAL LATER THIS MONTH AND WE FORESEE SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE GOP IN EARLY MAY.

3. WITH RESPECT TO LOW INCOME HOUSING WE ARE DEVELOPING A FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM WITH THE FUNDO DE FOMENTO DE HABITACAO FOR \$30 MILLION FOR WHICH WE FORESEE SIGNATURE EARLY IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR, PROBABLY JULY. UNDER AN ILLUSTRATIVE PROGRAM WE ARE DISCUSSING THREE PROJECTS WHICH MAY BE LOCATED IN THE AZORES: HORTA, VELAS, AND VILA FRANCA DO CAMPO.

4. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN HEALTH PLANNING AS DISCUSSED WITH THE JUNTA AND FORESEE A TEAM OF TWO PEOPLE ARRIVING IN LISBON WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. THEY ARE PLANNING TO SPEND 2-3 DAYS IN THE AZORES DEVELOPING GREATER DETAILS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA.

5. I UNDERSTAND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IN THE AZORES CONTINUING THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THERE TO THE UNIVERSITY. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN GENERAL APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS SUCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. I AM THEREFORE PLANNING TO VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND DURING MY FORTHCOMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON BEGINNING APRIL 19, TO EXPLORE THE PROGRAM IN GREATER DETAIL.

6. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT \$90,000 REMAINS UNPROGRAMMED FROM THE AZORES BASE AGREEMENT IN 1971. THESE FUNDS WERE INTENDED PRIMRILY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGE. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE INSTITUTO UNIVERSITARIO IN THE AZORES WOULD HAVE A PRIORITY CLAIM ON THESE FUNDS FOR TEACHER TRAINING THERE. IF INTERESTED, THE RECTOR DR. ENNES SHOULD, THROUGH THE JUNTA PRESENT A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF THESE FUNDS TO DR. FRASER MONTEIRO OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN LISBON.

7. OTHER PROPOSALS BY THE JUNTA CONTAINED IN THE PAPER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE ARE ALSO BEING DISCUSSED HERE IN LISBON. I AM PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL THAT WE MAY SOON HAVE A HIGH LEVEL INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM TO DISCUSS OVERALL ASSISTANCE IN REGIONAL PLANNING BOTH IN THE AZORES AND OTHER PARTS OF PORTUGAL. PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN CABLE STATUS OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE PAPER PREPARED BY JUNTA AND REFERRED TO ABMVE. CARLUCCI

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